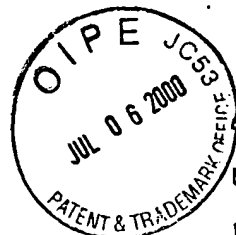


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- ☐ is attached hereto.
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January 21, 2000MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLIES FOR DIRECT METHANOL FUEL CELLS**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) — NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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☐ the specification filed herewith.☒ application serial no. 09/489,514, filed January 21, 2000.☐ patent no. __ issued __.

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